

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application. In the present amendment, claims 1, 11, 25-26, 32 and 38 have been amended.

In the Office Action of June 4, 2003, the Examiner rejected the claims as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,717,830 issued to Sigler et al. (Sigler, hereinafter). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose all elements of the claims. Specifically, Sigler does not disclose the Internet, as claimed in all independent claims, over which data packets are communicated to/from the communication devices. No new matter is introduced, as the Internet is shown in Figure 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that nowhere in Sigler is there a mention or suggestion of communicating data packets to/from communication devices over the Internet. In Sigler, all communications among METs (e.g., See Figure 8) go through the satellite.

Specifically, Sigler discloses a satellite communication system, see, e.g., Abstract and Figure 8, which is functionally and structurally different from communicating packet data over the Internet. In Sigler, a circuit-switched satellite communication system transmits and receives information at L-band and Ku-band frequencies over satellite beams, see, e.g., col. 1, lines 35-45, col. 16, lines 18-26, and the Abstract.. In Sigler, the controller allocates the frequencies and broadcasts the messages to the net group, see, e.g., FIG. 10A, S10.

Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose at least the above claimed elements, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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